In the Claims

1-13. (canceled)

14. (Amended) A method of scheduling vehicle maintenance, comprising:

a) comparing a vehicle mileage to a predetermined mileage required for maintenance;

b) comparing a number of hours of vehicle operation to a predetermined number of hours of vehicle operation;

c) providing an indication that maintenance is required when said vehicle mileage exceeds said predetermined mileage or when said number of hours of vehicle operation ~~to~~ exceeds said predetermined number of hours of vehicle operation;

d) identifying a location of the vehicle; ~~and~~

e) providing directions to a maintenance facility that is near said vehicle;

f) querying a vehicle operator to determine whether or not to schedule performance of the required maintenance; and

g) transmitting a response to said query to a central control system .

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising automatically scheduling service at said maintenance facility for said vehicle.

16. (Amended) An apparatus for scheduling vehicle maintenance, comprising:

a) an onboard vehicle computer programmed to compare a vehicle mileage to a predetermined mileage required for maintenance and to compare a number of hours of vehicle operation to a predetermined number of hours of vehicle operation;

b) a display coupled to said computer for providing an indication that maintenance is required when said vehicle mileage exceeds said predetermined mileage or when said number of hours of vehicle operation exceeds said predetermined number of hours of vehicle operation; ~~and~~

c) a global positioning system coupled to said computer for identifying a location of the vehicle, said computer being programmed to provide directions to a maintenance facility that is near said vehicle; and

d) a communication link to a central control system for transmitting a maintenance status.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said computer is programmed to automatically schedule service at said maintenance facility for said vehicle.